cations cleared and rejected is shown as under (Statewise) :

State	Total No. of appl. reed. wise disposed of	LOT issued	Applications rejected/other-	Under process
(Figures in bracket denote the share of Eastern U.P. and North Bihar respectively)				
U.P.	891 (80)	319 (31)	437 (37)	135 (12)
Bihar	116 08)	45 (5)	64 (12)	77 (1)

Opening of new Post Offices, Telegraph Offices and Public Call Offices in U.P. and Bihar

20. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of post offices, telegraph offices and public call offices likely to be opened in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and the staff proposed to be appointed on this account during the current financial year; and

(b) what is the total amount of money likely to be incurred on the opening of such offices in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) The information is as follows:

	Uttar Pradesh	Bihar
Post offices		
Long Distance Public Telephones/ Combined Offices (LDPTs/COs)	350	225

The proposed number of post offices may lead to creation of about 650 posts of Extra-departmental emloyees and 20 departmental staff in groups 'C and 'D' in Uttar Pradesh, the corresponding estimate for Bihar being 450 and 10 respectively.

No separate staff is sanctioned for LDPTs. Those opened in post offices are operated by postal staff and those opened in groceries etc. are manned by the owners of these establishments.

(b) The information is as follows:

(Rs. lakhs)

	Uttar Pradesh	Bihar
Post Offices .	16.60	10.94
LDPTs/COs .	462.00	429.00

Electronic Telephone Exchanges

21. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of telephone exchanges where electronic system is **likely to** be **introduced during** the